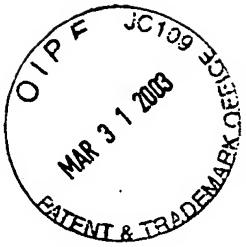


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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the "Notification of Defective Response", mailed March 4, 2003, submitted herewith is the corrected translation of PCT/JP01/09312 with claim 5 correctly translated. No new matter has been added in this translation. Also, attached is a copy of the Notification of Defective Response.

Consideration of the attached is respectfully requested.

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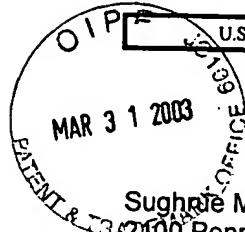
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The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494):

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- Copy of references cited in ISR
- Copy of the International Application
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- English Translation of the IA
- Information Disclosure Statements
- Oath or Declaration

Applicant's response filed 11/05/2002 is hereby acknowledged. The following requirements set forth in the NOTIFICATION of MISSING REQUIREMENTS mailed 09/05/2002 have not been completed.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Translation of the application into English. The current translation of the application into English is defective as described below.
 - Claim 5 is incorrectly translated. It makes reference to the wrong claims.

Applicant is required to complete the response within a time limit of ONE MONTH from the date of this Notification or within the time remaining in the response set forth in the Notification of Missing Requirements, whichever is the longer. No extension of this time limit may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136, but the period for response set in the Notification of Missing Requirements may be extended under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the response.

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